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1. SUMMARY: AT MONTHLY SESSION AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL
LAST WEEK, GREEK AND COMMUNITY NEGOTIATORS CONTINUED EXPLORA-
TION OF MAIN ISSUE AREAS INVOLVED IN GREEK ACCESSION NEGOTIA-
TIONS. FOLLOWING EC-GREEK MINISTERIAL MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG
APRIL 5 TO REVIEW PROGRESS IN TALKS TO DATE, GREEK COORDIN-
ATION MINISTER (AND CHIEF NEGOTIATOR WITH EC PAPALIGOURAS
TOLD PRESS HE IS SATISFIE WITH THE PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS.
COMMUNITY SPOKESMEN NOTED THAT EC COUNCIL TOLD PAPALIGOURAS
THAT WHILE COMMUNITY MUST BEAR IN MIND RELEVANCE OF GREEK
NEGOTIATIONS TO EXPECTED NEGOTIATIONS WITH PROSPECTIVE EC
MEMBERS PORTUGAL AND SPAIN, GREEK TALKSSHOULD PROCEED
SEPARATELY AND AT THEIR OWN PACE. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS, CONFIRMED BY GREEK MISSION TO
EC AND PERMDEL SOURCES, MARCH 30 NEGOTIATING SESSION AT
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AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL CONSISTED LARGELY OF THE FOLLOWING: (A)
GREEK DELEGATION'S PRESENTATION OF APAPER OUTLING GREECE'S
POSITION ON TERMS OF ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE EUROPEAN COAL AND
STEEL COMMUNITY (ENGOTIATIONS INVOLVE GREEK ACCESSION TO THE
THREE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES --EEC, ECSC, AND EURATOM); (B)
COMMUNITY'S COMMENTS ON EARLIER GREEK PROPOSALS REGARDING
GREECE'S PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY BUDGET (REFTEL A); AND

(C) FURTHER GREEK COMMENTS ON CONFORMITY TO EC TRADE POLICIES TOWARD THIRD COUNTRIES (REFTEL A). WE UNDERSTAND GREECE IS PRESENTLY PREPARING PAPERS ON MEMBERSHIP IN EURATOM AND GREEK PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS. EC IS STILL PREPARING ITS PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON EARLIER GREEK PAPER ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE. COMMUNITY HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO GREEK REQUEST FOR A FIVE-YEAR TRANSITION PERIOD FOLLOWING ACCESSION.

3. GREEK POSITION ON MEMBERSHIP IN ECSC

WE UNDERSTAND GREEK PAPER INDICATED THAT GREECE WANTS COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE IN EXPANDING ITS OWN SMALL STEEL INDUSTRY WHILE INTEGRATING THE GREEK INDUSTRY INTO THE ECSC. IN ADDITION TO REQUESTING EARLY EC-GREECE STUDY OF GREEK STEEL EXPANSION POSSIBILITIES, GREEK PROPOSAL CALLS FOR COMMUNITY TO ABOLISH ALL CUSTOMS DUTIES AND RESTRICTIONS ON GREEK STEEL PRODUCTS UPON GREEK ACCESSION, WHILE GREEKS SHOULD BE ALLOWED FIVE YEARS AFTER ACCESSION IN WHICH TO REDUCE PROGRESSIVELY THEIR DUTIES ON SUCH PRODUCTS FROM THE EC.

4. GREEK CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY BUDGET

COMMUNITY NEGOTIATORS COMMENTED IN ONLY GENERAL TERMS ON EARLIER GREEK PAPER PROPOSING THAT GREEK CONTRIBUTIONS TO BUDGET BE PHASED, WITH FULL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS OCCURRING SOMETIME AFTER HOPED-FOR FIVE-YEAR TRANSITION PERIOD FOLLOWING ACCESSION. EC SAID GREECE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO START PAYING FULL SHARE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMON FUND LEVIES AT TIME OF ACCESSION, THAT UPON ACCESSION GREECE SHOULD BEGIN PAYING INTO COMMUNITY COFFERS A PORTION OF THE CUSTOMS DUTIES IT COLLECTS, WITH THE PROPORTION GRADUALLY INCREASING THROUGH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE END OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD, AND THAT BY THE END OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD GREECE SHOULD BE TURNING OVER TO THE COMMUNITY A PROPORTION OF ITS VALUE ADDED TAX COMMENSURATE WITH THE COMMUNITY'S UNIFORM ASSESSMENT FORMULA.

5. THIRD-COUNTRY RELATIONS

WHILE THERE WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THIS MATTER, GREECE APPEARS TO HAVE BACKED AWAY FROM SOME OF ITS INITIAL REQUESTS FOR DEROGATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS (REFTEL A), IN LIGHT OF COMMUNITY NEGOTIATORS' GENERAL COMMENT THAT UPON ACCESSION GREECE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO CONFORM BROADLY TO COMMUNITY EXTERNAL POLICY. SPECIFICALLY, WE UNDERSTAND THAT GREECE IS PREPARED TO DROP ITS DEMAND THAT IT BE PERMITTED TO EXTEND CURRENT TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHEN THEY EXPIRE IN 1980, ASKING INSTEAD ONLY THAT THE PRESENT AGREEMENTS BE PERMITTED TO RUN THEIR COURSE. GREECE CONTINUES TO WISH CERTAIN DEROGATIONS IN TRADE WITH EFTA COUNTRIES BEYOND THE TRANSITION PERIOD, AND IT IS STUDYING FURTHER ITS POSITION REGARDING THE DEGREE OF ITS CONFORMITY WITH EC TRADE

WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN AND LOME COUNTRIES.

6. ON FRINGES OF EC COUNCIL MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG APRIL 5, COUNCIL MET WITH GREEK COORDINATION MINISTER PAPALIGOURAS TO REVIEW NEGOTIATING PROGRESS TO DATE. FOLLOWING THAT SESSION PAPALIGOURAS STRONGLY EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH EC APPLICATIONS SHOULD NOT SLOW THE GREEK NEGOTIATIONS, SAID GREEK GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT EC WILL CONTINUE TO CONSIDER GREEK CASE ON ITS MERITS, AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS TO DATE.

7. U.K. FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN (EC COUNCIL PRESIDENT) TOLD PRESS IN LUXEMBOURG THAT ALTHOUGH COUNCIL CANNOT IGNORE IMPLICATIONS OF GREEK TALKS FOR THE OVERALL QUESTION OF ENLARGEMENT AND FUTURE APPLICATIONS FOR ACCESSION, IT STANDS BY ITS COMMITMENT TO HANDLE GREEK NEGOTIATIONS ALREADY UNDER WAY ON THEIR "INTRINSIC MERIT." UK MINISTER OF STATE JUDD, BRIEFING PRESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON BEHALF OF HMG, ECHOED OWEN LINE AND SAID HMG "LOOKS VERY WARMLY" ON GREEK EC MEMBERSHIP. JUDD SPECULATED THAT PRESENT INITIAL PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS, DEVOTED TO LAYING OUT OPENING EC/GREEK NEGOTIATING POSITIONS AND IDENTIFYING PROBLEM AREAS, WILL LAST THROUGH THE SUMMER, WITH THE REAL BARGAINING TO BEGIN, THIS AUTUMN. (COMMENT:JUDD'S PREDICTION REGARDING LIKELY NEGOTIATING TIMETABLE IS CONSISTENT WITH ESTIMATES PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO US BY PERMEDELS AND GREEK MISSION TO EC). HINTON

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